

# THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

## THE FRESHEST LOCAL MENTION.

Matters Personal and General In And Around Portsmouth.

## HEARD ON THE STREETS.

Gossip and Events in Which our People are Interested, Chronicled in Concise Form—A Daily Diary of Happenings Presented to our Readers Fresh Every Morning—Snap Shots of our Busy City.

Miss Nellie Custis Tennent, who has been spending the past few weeks with her friends, the Misses Rountrees, on South street, returned yesterday to her home, Washington, D. C.

The Temple Builders of Central Church will give a "Soap Bubble Party" for children at the residence of Mrs. Charles Friedlin, corner B street and Fort Lane, Park View, next Monday afternoon, from 4 to 6 p. m.

Mr. L. E. Lookabill, of the city of Roanoke, who has been North, was a welcome visitor at this office yesterday. He is vice-president of the Virginia Firemen's Association and takes great interest in volunteer firemen's organizations in the State.

A license was issued in the office of the clerk of the Hustings Court to-day for the marriage of James E. Traver and Ruth E. Hewlett.

Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Wise, U. S. N., have issued invitations for their wedding, the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Capt. and Mrs. Wise will entertain on board the receiving ship Franklin from 8 to 12 o'clock.

Mr. George A. Poole, of Chicago, representing a large printing house there, which does a great deal of railway work, is in the city. He will go from here to Wilmington on a visit to the Atlantic Coast Line office.

The Confederate Pension Board met Monday night and was organized by the election of Mayor J. Thompson as chairman and Mr. J. Thomas Dunn as clerk. Pension blanks can be had by application at the office of the clerk of the Hustings Court.

The monitor Amphitrite left the floats yesterday afternoon for Old Point. She will proceed to-day to New York.

A new protective order, known as the "Anvil," will in a few days be organized in this city with a membership of about seventy-five.

Mr. Joseph Richardson, of King street, who has been very sick for several weeks past, is slowly improving. His friends are glad to see him regaining his health.

Mr. D. P. Hooks, of Tidewater Lodge No. 68, I. O. O. F., of this city, will in all probability be the recipient of Grand Lodge honors at the session of the Grand Lodge, now being held at Hot Springs, Va.

The "Teasers" and the "Young Bryans" played baseball yesterday, and the former fell easy victims to the latter, the score standing 16 to 1.

The trouble in which those three young men got themselves in, as spoken of in yesterday's issue, has been satisfactorily adjusted to all parties interested.

Mr. Edward Nelson, a well-known tinner, who resides at 635 High street, met with a painful accident yesterday while at work in the navy yard. He had the misfortune late in the afternoon to fall and break two bones in one of his arms. The fracture was reduced by the yard physician and Mr. Nelson conveyed to his residence in the yard ambulance. He was resting quite well last night.

To-morrow evening, from 8 to 11 o'clock, at Miss Crump's, 403 Court street, the Rector's Aid Society of St. John's Church will give a silver tea. The public is cordially invited. Silver offering at the door. This society has just paid off \$350 and have assumed a new debt, for which this tea is given.

Though the police net was set as usual last night, nothing fell into it up to a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davenport, of Newburyport, Mass., passed through the city last night en route to Savannah, Ga.

"Jack Ashley" (?) who says he is the champion railroad heat of the world, struck the suburbs about sundown last night. Twenty minutes after he had been spotted by a Norfolk county constable as a crook, and he hooped it up the Seaboard track, going west.

A young white man, a little under the influence of "Old Crow," fell on the corner of King and Court streets last night and cut his lip quite severely.

The collier Alexander, which has been in the dry-dock undergoing repairs, was taken out yesterday. Her bottom having been completed. The repairs are by no means finished, but are being hurried that the ship may be sent to Manila.

The strength of organized labor is growing to that extent that a central labor body is now being talked of for this city. There is no question but that organized labor is proving popular in this city.

The Chambers Steam Fire Engine Company No. 2 will have the Washington Company of Pennsylvania, here next week as their guests. A royal good time will be given them by the Chambers boys.

The baseball season placed on the Virginian-Pilot bulletin board every evening are proving to be very attractive to the lovers of the game, crowds getting information therefrom nightly.

The funeral of Mr. Carl H. Siefert, who departed this life Monday night, will take place from the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. C. B. Staples, 318 Lincoln street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

So by the action of the Council last night that little matter of the hotel company obstructing Court street by using several feet of it, for the hotel entrance, will be allowed to drop, and the Mayor will not have to settle the matter, as was thought yesterday.

The Portsmouth Y's held their regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of the president. The society will give a social in the near future. Full details will be given later.

The man Mason, who was sent to court yesterday for the larceny of tools, was given a rehearing yesterday by Mayor Baird and sentenced to sixty days in jail.

## IN THE POLICE COURT.

W. E. Mason Sent to the Grand Jury on a Charge of Larceny.

In this temple of justice yesterday Mayor Baird dealt out justice to the several offenders, who shambled up in a penitent manner to get all that was coming to them.

John Smith, white, drunk and throwing all pride to the winds, paraded High street with a mob of dusky damsels, acting in a most disorderly manner. He gave up a five dollar note for his fun.

Eva Fentress and Georgie Anderson, the dark-complexioned women from Norfolk, who were Smith's chums, were treated in a like manner, and not having the money with them, were put back until they could get word to their friends of the predicament they were in.

Max Dukes answered the charge of larceny, in that he stole property of the value of \$3.07 from Peter Lynch. He got sixty days.

Walter Harris, the colored man charged with the larceny of \$3.30, the property of Miss Oza Johnson, was discharged from custody, there being no evidence submitted to substantiate the charge.

Two white drunks paid the usual fine, and one well-known white man was fined \$5 for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He climbed the stairs for a period of thirty days.

W. E. Mason, white, faced stern justice, when it was proven that he had stolen carpenter's tools from Messrs. Jesse Parker and J. H. Robinson, of the value of \$2.25 and sold the same to get money to obtain drink. His case was certified to the grand jury of the city.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at the Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, Wm. N. Portlock, Judge of the County Court of Norfolk county, on behalf of the Public Free School Board of said county, has been requested to apply to the proper authorities of the United States Government for permission to erect upon the northernmost part of St. Helena property a public school building for the town of Berkley; and

Whereas, we are aware that the site referred to is the most convenient location in said town for that purpose, and that if granted will greatly subserve the public in the interest of free education; and

Whereas, such use of said property would naturally improve the same, and render ornamental and attractive grounds which have, since the government acquired title thereto, been unused for any purpose whatsoever; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this board do most earnestly and respectfully petition the United States Government authorities to grant to the Norfolk County School Board the permission asked for, subject, of course, to such rights and reservations therein as may be imposed by the government.

The clerk was instructed to forward the same.

The board then went into the consideration of the smallpox question. A number of bills were allowed.

BANK CORNER-STONE LAID.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock the corner-stone of the new Merchants' and Farmers' Bank in this city was laid. There were present President Griffin, Cashier Toomer, Director Kim and one or two other interested gentlemen. Contractor Overman, assisted by several stonemasons, set the stone after the copper box had been deposited.

The corner-stone is a large granite block on the eastern side of the front, adjoining the Brandt building. A place was made in the top of the stone, into which fitted a copper box about 4x6 inches breadth and width and two inches deep. This box contained a list of the officers, directors and clerks of the bank, a few coins, a statement of the present condition of the bank and a copy of the Portsmouth Star.

ST. ANDREW'S BROTHERHOOD.

The local council of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Portsmouth, Norfolk and Berkley, will meet in Trinity parish church, this city, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The special work to be taken up at this meeting will be: How we may strengthen the Brotherhood in this community, in view of the approaching general convention to be held in Richmond.

Being the first meeting of the council in some months, many other matters of interest and importance will be brought up, and it is greatly desired that every Brotherhood man in the community shall be present.

LATEST NAVAL NEWS.

The following naval orders have been issued:

Lieutenant W. A. Miffett is ordered to duty on the Kentucky.

Lieutenant J. B. Bernadou is detached from the Indiana and ordered to the Kentucky.

Lieutenant V. O. Chase is detached from the Detroit and ordered to Washington navy yard immediately.

Passed Assistant Paymaster Geo. Brown, Jr., is detached from the Detroit and ordered to the Mayflower.

Lieutenant J. C. Leonard is detached from the Detroit and ordered to duty on the Kentucky.

MR. AND MRS. HOLLOMAN HERE.

Yesterday morning Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Holloman, formerly of this city, but now of Harrisonburg, Va., arrived in this city on a ten days' visit to friends and relatives. On this return home Mr. Holloman will proceed to Elkins, W. Va., to look after his interest in railroad matters, he, with three other gentlemen, having contracted to build a road from Elkins to Green Brier river, a distance of forty-two and one-half miles, for the West Virginia Central railroad. He will be at Elkins, W. Va., for a period of nine months, the contract stipulating that the road must be completed in that time.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

James Monroe Council, No. 1548, R. A. Knights of Columbus, Insurance. Gamma Conclave, I. O. H. St. Joseph's Society, Benevolent.

This is For You.

Special offers to get a home to navy-yard and railroad men who cannot afford to pay cash for a lot. Or any one who wants any property we have it. Call or address us for terms.

THE SEABOARD REAL ESTATE COMPANY.

Room 201, No. 214 High Street.

## GILL AND THOMAS WILL BE PAID.

The Ferry To Use The Foot Of High Street Very Soon.

## THE DEEDS ORDERED DRAWN

The Application For Increase Of Pay By The Policemen Referred To Finance Committee—The Portsmouth Hotel Obstruction Matter Takes Up The Time Of Council In Discussion—The Reports Of City Officers Referred To Committee—Other Business Transacted.

The City Council held an adjourned meeting last night, with the following members present: President King and Messrs. Ballentine, Reed, Montague, Reynolds, Glover, Brown, Jr., Hume, Overton, Williams, Leans, Wilkins and Palmer.

All properly approved bills were allowed.

Present: J. Leon Codd, J. Edward Johnson.

The Finance Committee reported favorably on putting a slide pole in the independent engine house, but deferral of the request from chair.

The same recommended an appropriation of \$50 for cemetery use. An extra appropriation for Almshouse was allowed.

Present: Emmett Crump.

The request of the Police Commissioners for an increase of the members of the police force was deferred by the Finance Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted.

The request of the King's Daughters for an increase of appropriation was deferred.

The chairman of the Finance Committee stated that action in regard to the payment of the claim of the Gill and Thomas and the amount to be paid for the Brooks and Nash property had been settled satisfactory to all parties.

The Street Committee reported having taken action in regard to the Portsmouth Improvement Company extending their building on the sidewalk on Court street, and that the Street Inspector had called the attention of the Mayor to the fact, and that action had been postponed until Thursday.

Mr. Brown moved that the rules be suspended and the attorney for the hotel company and all others who desire to be heard have an opportunity to do so. It was seconded and adopted.

Judge L. R. Watts then explained to the Council the action of the Improvement Company, and said that the building was put there by permission of the Council to whom the plans had been submitted before the building was started.

He claimed that the improvements belonging to the Masonic fraternity will advance the value of the property belonging to the Masonic fraternity next-door. It would be the means of securing them a tenant while without them the store would be valueless. He said that the columns would not be closed up, but would be open at all times and would be a public highway if needed and would not be half the obstruction that the fence in front of the Masonic Temple was.

The law gives persons the right to use five feet of the street for porches, etc., and that this would only take up the same space. He claimed that if the Street Inspector was instructed to have all obstructions removed, then he would be compelled to have all porches and bay windows removed.

Mr. R. E. Warren appeared for the Masonic fraternity and raised serious objections to the continuance of the work. He claimed that they would not so much object to the columns in the street as they would the building of four feet from the first to the fifth story which they claimed would seriously injure their property.

Judge Watts said that the law could prevent the obstruction on the sidewalk, but it could not stop buildings above. If that was what they intended trying to do he would fight that matter in the courts as far as it can go.

Present—C. E. Murden.

The City Attorney addressed the Council and said that there was no friction between Judge Watts and himself, but he was only the legal adviser of the Council, and it is for the Council to act in the matter.

Present—L. C. Brinson.

The matter was discussed by a number of members of the Council for some time.

The Street Inspector said that every bay window and porch that has been erected has been reported by him, and that none had been removed.

Mr. Codd said that the Council had nothing to do with enforcing the ordinances. They only made them. He would, therefore, move that the Council proceed to business and let the matter remain in the hands of the Mayor to take such steps as he saw fit. It was seconded by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Wilkins said that it would be no more obstructive for the columns to remain on the street than it would be if bay windows were built on columns similar to porches. Then they could be no objection.

Mr. Glover offered an amendment that action on the matter be deferred until after a conference is held between the hotel company and the Masonic fraternity, and see if some satisfactory arrangements cannot be made.

Mr. Codd said that he would accept Mr. Glover's amendment, provided the conference be held at once and a special meeting of the Council be held to act on the matter.

Mr. Reynolds moved as a substitute for the whole that the Street Committee be requested to withdraw their notice to the Mayor and let the matter drop. It was seconded by Mr. Reed.

A vote being taken on Mr. Reynolds' motion it was adopted by a vote of 11 to 8.

The Street Committee recommended that no further consideration be taken in reference to the application of the Portsmouth street railway for extension of their line in the Fifth Ward until they comply with their contract. No action.

The Public Property Committee recommended that Potter's field be sold off in lots. On motion the recommen-

dation was laid over for the present.

The Ferry Committee reported having made an exchange with the Seaboard Air Line for the Cook property, and asked that the same be approved. On motion the report was accepted.

The Police Committee asked for an appropriation of \$350 to pay the police to July 1st, as their appropriations would not hold out. On motion referred to the Finance Committee.

The Ordinance Committee submitted an ordinance creating a Craney Island Board, which was adopted.

The Sewerage Committee recommended that the contract for coal for the sewerage pump house be awarded to the Portsmouth Coal and Ice Company for \$2.75 per ton in carload lots. Adopted.

On motion the reports of officers were referred to the proper committees.

NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Johnson asked what had become of the board walk on Race avenue, no report on it having been made in reference to it.

A motion to adjourn was made, which was lost.

An application to build a frame house in the rear of 406 Middle street was referred to the Fire Committee.

A communication from the merchants asking that the street sprinkler be used regularly on High street was ordered to be filed.

A communication from the police asking for an increase of 12½ cents a day on their pay was read, and on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion adjourned.

## SEABOARD LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A Gala Time Promised All Who Go With Them Next Friday.

Next Friday, the 11th instant, the Seaboard Air Line Library Association will give its fourth annual excursion to S. A. L. Park, Delaware, Va.

The following mammoth and interesting programme has been arranged and will be strictly adhered to, weather permitting.

AMUSEMENTS.

1. Married ladies' race. Prize, nickel-plated teapot.

2. Boat race. Prize, box cigars.

3. Race (100 yds.), Mech. Dept., North St. and Genl. Offices. Prize, 1 pair shoes.

4. Prize waltz. Ladies' prize, silver cup; gent's prize, 1 pair slippers.

5. Tug of war, iron vs. wood workers; 6 bottles wine.

6. Iron workers' race (100 yds.) Prize, 1 umbrella.

7. Wood workers' and painters' race (100 yds.) Prize, 1 umbrella.

Games will commence at 2 p. m.

THE DANCING PROGRAMME.

1. Waltz...Seaboard Air Line Railway

2. Lancers...General Superintendent

3. Two-Step...Division Superintendent

4. Lancers...West India Short Line

5. Quadrille...Supply Department

6. Prize Waltz...How Do You Like It?

7. Polka...Locomotive Engineers S. A. L. Ry

8. Lancers...Our Popular Chairman

9. Waltz...All Employees S. A. L. Ry.

10. Two-Step...Treasurer S. A. L. Ry.

11. Schottische...Conductors S. A. L. Ry.

12. Waltz...Passenger Dept S. A. L. Ry.

13. Lancers...Telegraphers S. A. L. Ry.

14. Two-Step...Claim Dept S. A. L. Ry.

15. Quadrille...Car Service Department S. A. L. Ry.

16. Polka...Round the World by S. A. L. Ry.

17. Waltz...Home, Sweet Home

18. Quadrille...Louis Schieman, E. C. Dunn.

19. Polka...Floor Managers.

20. Lancers...E. St. John, Commander-in-Chief.

21. Waltz...L. R. Watts, Chief Justice.

22. Polka...V. E. McBee, Lieutenant General.

23. Waltz...The COMMITTEES.

J. B. Waller, Master Ceremonies.

Dancing—(Yellow)—L. Shieman, E. E. Dunn, W. A. Turner.

Program and Tickets—(White)—T. C. Knott.

Grounds—(Lilac)—J. Thos. Dunn, W. Whitechur, J. Bishop.

Transportation—(Orange)—R. E. C.

Refreshments—(Green)—R. W. Murden, P. O. Cain, T. C. Rice, J. W. Ballentine, W. H. Culpeper, R. Ballentine, D. C. Musso, T. Webb, F. W. Knott.

Soliciting—(Maroon)—G. W. Bowers, F. O. Cain, R. E. Glover, W. D. Fitchette, J. T. Dunn, W. H. Culpeper.

Games and Amusements—(Pink)—F. Petzinger, J. T. Dunn, W. D. Fitchette, J. Askew, W. R. Randolph, P. Bunting, J. Dumford, L. Standard.

Musical—(Drab)—J. I. Cato, Chas. B. Rowell, H. T. Maxim.

Printing and Badges—(Blue)—W. R. Robinson, R. E. Glover.

Advertising—(Purple)—W. D. Fitchette, F. O. Cain.

Judges—(Red)—W. W. Gwathmey, W. Storey, J. H. Sharp, C. B. Royal, H. W. B. Glover, T. B. Gwathmey, J. A. Walton, O. P. Murry, J. M. Sheerwood, F. Fisher, W. T. Tucker, W. R. Tollett, O. D. Ball, T. L. Roberts, O. B. Bidwell, J. W. Ashton, W. F. Williams, R. Morgan, J. W. Connell, D. W. Ballentine, W. T. Zepp, W. N. Garrett, J. Stanley Fowler, J. W. Storey, Jno. T. Patrick, L. S. Allen, Chas. R. Capps, J. Strang, H. B. Storrs, C. P. Johnson.

Trains leave Portsmouth 8:30 and 8:40 a. m. sharp. Returning, trains leave "S. A. L. Park" 5:00 and 5:30 p. m.

W. T. REED, President.

R. W. SCOTT, Vice-President.

R. W. MURDEN, Jr., Chairman.

J. THOS. DUNN, Secretary.

W. R. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

Seaboard Air Line Band in Attendance.

ATLANTIC LODGE RECEPTION.

To-morrow night, the 10th instant, Atlantic Lodge, No. 24, Knights of Pythias, will hold a reception for its members at the Castle, to which a few guests will be invited. An elaborate program has been arranged for the occasion, and a good time is assured all who may attend. The following well-known ladies and gentlemen have been secured for the occasion: Misses Joe Sykes, Flo Martin, Esther Weaver, Emily Deans, Blanche Hecht, Mrs. J. Grif Edwards, Messrs. Hugh Steele, Arthur Alexander, John Drew and Warren Womersley, with Mrs. Irene Etheredge and Miss Margaret Gaskins as accompanist.

Nervous Headache Cured.

Speedily. No danger by Hick's Capudine. 15 and 25c. at drug stores.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed to 208 High street, Noah's Ark's old stand.

## CONDUCTOR WILLFORD INJURED.

Yesterday morning Mrs. B. B. Willford received a telegram from Fremont, N. C., summoning her to the side of her husband, Conductor B. B. Willford, of the Atlantic Coast Line, who had been painfully injured in a railroad wreck the night previous. The lady left at once.

The accident which caused the crushing of Captain Willford's foot to such an extent that amputation was necessary was occasioned by passenger train No. 103, South bound, over the Wilmington and Weldon division of the Atlantic Coast Line colliding with a berry train.

Captain Willford resides in this city at 402½ Middle street. His foot was caught between the bumpers and two cars.

## OTHER PORTSMOUTH LOCAL ON PAGE 11.

DIED.

SEIFERT—At the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. C. B. Staples, 318 Lincoln street, Portsmouth, Va., May 7, 1900, CARL H. SEIFERT, aged 67 years 4 months 9 days.

Funeral services at the residence THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNO